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Dear Messrs. Luster, McDonald & Pederson:

The purpose of this letter is to update the Tri City Landfill situation. My December 13, 1979 letter informed you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was evaluating the landfill for compliance with new federal criteria. The evaluation has been completed, and a copy is enclosed for your information.

In general, the study concludes that several corrective measures are warranted, including the building of dikes to protect the site from washout and flooding, and the installation of wells for ground water and methane gas monitoring.

The Indian Community is currently meeting with the Indian Health Service to prepare an action plan for bringing the site into compliance. The Community is to contact us by May 1, 1980 to arrange a meeting to discuss their plan. As stated in the December 13, 1979 letter, as long as the EPA recommendations are implemented in a timely manner and the appropriate procedures are developed for routine monitoring of the site operations thereafter, then the Department will continue to approve the use of the site in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

I will be keeping you informed of any developments with respect to this

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matter. If the Department's staff can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Barry Abbott directly at 255-1160.

Sincerely,

R. Bruce Scott, P.E. Assistant Director

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